02/03/2004

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box \rightarrow [+]

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

	Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known		
	INFO	RMATION	DISC	LOSURE	Application Number	Not Yet Assigned 10/769,820	
	STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date	February 3, 2004	
					First Named Inventor	Koichiro TANAKA	
		(use as many she	ets as necesso	(יכיי	Group Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned 1725	
		·			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Į	Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	740756-2709	
1							

				U.S. PATENT DOCUMENT	S		
Examiner Initials	Cited No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited	Date of Publication of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
			Kind Code ² (if known)	Document	MM-DD-YYYY		
514		5,643,826		Ohtani et al	07/01/1997		
5MH		6,246,524	B1	Tanaka	06/12/2001		
SMH		6,137,633		Tanaka	10/24/2000		
SMH		6,176,926	B1	Tanaka	01/23/2001		
SMIF		6,104,535		Tanaka	08/15/2000		
SMH		6,304,385	B1	Tanaka	10/16/2001		
SMIT		6,300,176	B1	Zhang et al	10/09/2001		
SMIT		5,858,822		Yamazaki et al.	01/12/1999		
544=		-6,176,926		Tanaka	01/23/2001	- DUPLICATE	
SMH		6,077,731		Yamazaki et al.	6/20/2000		
							
			_				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cited No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or	Date of Publication of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or	
O		Office)	Number (if know		Applicant of Cited Document	MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Figures Appear	, 1*
SMI		JP	07-130652	Α		05/19/1995		Abstract
								
				-				
		<u> </u>						

Examiner Signature S. Heinrich Date Considered July 22, 2005

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

[•]EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.